Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In answer to sub-division (b) of question No. 28, a list of works taken up in the Ernakulam Municipality is given. I think that gives everything.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—My question here to-day is the number of estimates prepared and passed for the works intended to be carried out for Ernakulam this year and the total cost of those estimates. A list of estimates or of the intended estimates is given by way of answer to question No. 28. My question is not that.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member will please make himself clear.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I wanted to know the number of estimates prepared and passed for works intended to be carried out, not those that are carried out. Intended to be carried out for Ernakulam this year and the total cost; that is the question to-day. I am referred to question No. 28 answered in this House. I am waiting for a statement which will answer this question.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I thought the answer to (b) of question No. 28 gives all those estimates. That list gives all the estimates prepared for Ernakulam Municipality out of the allotment of Rs. 25,000.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—And then, if so the next sub-division is (e) 'whether the Government have any objection in utilising a portion of the allotment for drainage works, badly needed in the bazaar for which even an estimate was prepared by the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division.' It is said that the answer to question No. 28 contains all the information. But as far as I know there is no answer there to my question. So may I know the answer, Sir?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The allotment of Rs. 25,000 was made for road maintenance work in all the four Municipalities. There is no provision in that allotment for carrying out drainage works in Ernakulam bazaar.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In that case, if the whole allotment is not spent, is there any objection for utilising it for drainage works in the Jews Street?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have no balance allotment in the Rs. 25,000 for road maintenance work in the four Municipalities for constructing drainage works in Ernakulam.

Pay of the Village Officers.

104. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was a representation from the Village officers of the State individually or collectively made to (i) to

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His Highness, (ii) to the Diwan and (iii) to the Diwan Peishkar pointing out their dissatisfaction at the proposals contained in the Government Proceedings on the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee;

(b) whether it was stated by the Government in the Medam sitting of the legislative session of 1105 that their grievances will be redressed;

(c) what has been done with their representations ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) (i) No.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Yes.

(b) No such assurance was given.

The matter is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to answer to (b), the answer is 'no such assurance was given.' May I know whether any statement was made on the floor of this House by the Government on that ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No such statement was made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In regard to (a) (i) the answer is 'No.' Does the Government know that the Village Officers came to Ernakulam with a view to represent their grievances before His Highness the Maharaja ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I do not think the Government knew anything about it. Personally I know something about it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Revenue Member know that the Village Officers came to Ernakulam with a view to represent their grievances to His Highness ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Some of them wanted to go to the Hill Palace, but I said that they should not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether they were dissuaded by the Diwan Peishkar not to go to His Highness to represent their grievances ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I could not catch the Hon'ble Member.

President.—The question is whether you dissuaded them not to go to His Highness.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did the Revenue Officer give them an assurance that their grievances would be favourably considered ? Was it the reason that they did not go to His Highness to represent their grievances ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I had given them some hope that their grievances might be redressed.

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